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Re: Audit of the California Department of Apprenticeship Standards

Dear Mr. Swoope:

I have endeavored to keep you apprised of the critical situation in California concerning the Department of Industrial Relations and its Division of Apprenticeship Standards. Thank you for your continued interest in these serious matters. I am asking you to conduct an audit of the DAS pursuant to 29 CFR 29 and other applicable code sections.

The DAS has a long history of obstructionism, no responsiveness, lost files, and an overt attitude of prejudice toward non-union apprenticeship programs. For example, during recent Senate hearings it was stated that WECA did not have any new program submittals outstanding. WECA has three outstanding DAS 24s for the Electrician, Construction Program and four DAS 24s outstanding for the Residential Wireman Program. These new programs have not been approved. WECA will soon be submitting three new program standards for Fire/Life Safety Technicians, Voice-Data-Video Technicians, and Non-Residential Lighting Technician.

WECA is not alone in experiencing these problems. California Association for the Advancement of Apprenticeship and Training, a 14-member statewide association of merit shop (non-union) apprenticeship programs, reports all programs have experienced similar complaints and problems with the Department.

United Electric has had a request before the Division for a new program approval for over one year. AB 921 was initiated for the purpose of limiting new programs. Under this new criteria the program may never be approved.

The continued delays, inaction, and lost records jeopardize programs and most seriously, the future of workers who come to us for training.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


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